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ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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POLLUTION IN GOMTI RIVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gomti river is getting polluted;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to clean the Gomti river;

(d) whether any action plan have been formulated for the purpose;

(e) it so, the amount proposed to be spent thereon; and

(f) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The main pollution of Gomti is on account of discharge of untreated sewage of Lucknow, Sultanpur & Jaunpur towns into the river.

(c) to (f) An action plan for pollution abatement of river Gomti is already under implementation. Under this plan, works in Sultanpur & Jaunpur at an estimated cost of Rs.10.36 crore are in various stages of implementation. In Lucknow, under the first phase of implementation, certain emergency works including diversion of Gaughat drain out-falling into the river upstream of a drinking water intake point have been completed at a cost of Rs. 5.9 crore. In addition, project proposals have been formulated for the balance approved amount of Rs. 43 crore under the first phase. These works include setting-up of one sewage treatment plant to treat the flow of three major drains and interception & diversion of some other major drains to downstream of the Barrage. All these works are targeted for completion by March, 2004. It has been decided to prepare project proposals for the remaining works in Lucknow under the second phase, which is targeted to be cleared by July, 2001.